



# *The Insider*

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## **Inside State Politics with State Senator Mickey Switalski Senate District 10**

**January 6, 2006**

Welcome to the electronic version of *The Insider*. I would like to take the opportunity to thank you for your support and giving me an opportunity to represent you in the Michigan Senate. It is my sincere hope that this bi-weekly e-newsletter will keep you informed of the happenings in Lansing while staying true to the traditional style of *The Insider*. If you would like to contact me, please feel free to e-mail me at [senmswitalski@senate.michigan.gov](mailto:senmswitalski@senate.michigan.gov) or call me at my Roseville or Lansing office. You can also meet me in person during my constituent hours, coming to a library near you. Call my office and make an appointment or just walk in. See schedule for details.

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### **Mickey's Blog: Unto Us A Child Is Born**

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On Tuesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> a new Switalski was welcomed into the world.

By younger brother Matthew and his wife, Rebecca Agostino, are the proud parents of a baby girl, Gianna, who weighed in at 8 pounds and 4 ounces, and was 21 inches long. Mother and Baby are doing fine, and after a few anxious moments, we think Matt is going to survive also.

Matt doesn't have the strongest of stomachs. The sight of blood can send him swooning. He appeared a bit grey around the gills on B-Day, but Rebecca reports that he was a great help in the birthing room at St. Joe's Mercy in Clinton Township.

Rebecca and Matt are old fashioned. Even though they had an ultrasound and the technicians could see if it was a boy or a girl, they didn't want to know. Gianna's gender was a mystery until she was born. "I can't imagine doing it any other way," Matt told me. "It just brings home to you what a miracle the whole experience of birth is." Modern Science and Medicine have made great advances, and have the power to unlock great mysteries. But this final surprise reminds us of the miracle of creation.

Gianna is very beautiful, good natured, and has dark curly hair. Her grandmother Marcy is already planning to pierce her ears, a Mexican tradition. Gianna is also independent of spirit. I told Matt to be sure to have the baby before January 1<sup>st</sup>, and that way you would get a full year's tax deduction for the new dependent. But Gianna wanted to be born on her own timetable.

So figure \$3200 on both state and federal forms, plus \$600 bonus from the state, and that's \$7000 in deductions a year for 18 years, plus a few extra years while she is in college, and that's \$150,000 plus interest. Not quite a million dollar baby, but a serious chunk of change. But on second thought, I am sure Matt and Rebecca would have paid twice that, because the extra time in the oven often leads to a healthier baby.

Besides, you have to be impressed with Gianna's public spirit. While the rest of us are figuring ways to chisel the government out of a few extra dollars, Gianna did the responsible thing and paid her fair share of taxes. She is a good example to all of us.

Aren't good schools, good health care and public safety worth paying for? Or do tax cuts and tax avoidance trump those every time?

Not only is Gianna beautiful, she is smart, too.

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### **Mickey's TV Insider Show**

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Check out my TV Insider Show coming to a television station near you. Watch me interview local guests about politics, life, issues and concerns to our district.

#### **Sterling Heights**

Every Saturday and Sunday at 12:30 p.m.  
(Comcast Channel 5/WOW Channel 10)

#### **Utica**

Every Wednesday at 9 a.m.  
(Comcast Channel 5/WOW Channel 10)

#### **Clinton Township**

Last week of every month- Sat thru Thurs  
(Comcast Channel 5/WOW Channel 10)

#### **Roseville**

Various Times  
(Comcast Channel 18)

\*Please note that Sterling Heights/Utica/Clinton Township will show the TV Insider Show on Comcast Channel 5 and Wide Open West Channel 10. Clinton Township will air the TV Insider Show at various times during the last week of every month. Roseville can see the TV Insider Show on Comcast Channel 18.

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### **Coffee Hours**

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\*Please note that since the District Office is in Roseville, I do not have set coffee hours in Roseville. However, I encourage you to visit the Roseville office. We even have a coffee pot. Everyone is welcome to attend the coffee hours and discuss their issues and concerns.

**January 30**  
**7-9 p.m.**

Location: Clinton-Macomb Public Library  
(40900 Romeo Plank Drive)  
Clinton Township

**February 6**  
**7-9 p.m.**

Location: Sterling Heights Public Library  
(40255 Dodge Park Road)  
Sterling Heights

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